

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/EG 2003/000009

## CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC<sup>7</sup>: A61F2/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC<sup>7</sup>: A61F2/06, 2/04 // A61M29/02

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPI, EPODOC

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6 293 968 B1 (S. TAHERI) 25 September 2001 (25.09.2001) <i>the whole document; especially figure 5; column 6, lines 39-46.</i>	1, 2
X	US 5 370 691 A (G. SAMSON) 6 December 1994 (06.12.1994) <i>the whole document; especially figures 1-3B; column 3, lines 1-57; column 4, lines 7-16, 39-56.</i>	1
X	US 5 234 456 A (T. SILVESTRINI) 10 August 1993 (10.08.1993) <i>the whole document; especially figures 1-4; column 2, lines 26-column 4, line 60.</i>	1
X	US 6 007 575 A (S. SAMUELS) 28 December 1999 (28.12.1999) <i>the whole document; especially figures 1, 2, 5a-6d; column 3, lines 24-53; column 4, line 7; column 4, line 45 - column 5, lines 16.</i>	1

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 4  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
claim 4 relates to the use of the stent and thus to a method for therapeutical treatment of the human or animal body according to PCT Rule 39.1 (iv) under Article 17(2)(a)(i)
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 3,5,6  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:  
claims 3,5,6 do not refer to exactly defined technical features of a stent (".. stentless design used for .."; ".. this includes but is not limited to the different designs .."; ".. the designs that will achieve .."); according to PCT Rule 6.3 (a)(b) claims should contain technical features of the invention which are necessary for the definition of the claimed subject matter
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

### Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.  
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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